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1. BALUCHISTAN NAP MPA AHMED NAWAZ BUGTI, YOUNGER BROTHER OF BALUCHISTAN GOVERNOR SARDAR MOHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN BUGTI, WHOSE REPORTED ARREST AUGUST 22 (REFTEL A) WAS DENIED BY BALUCHISTAN CHIEF MINISTER AUGUST 23 (REFTEL B), REAPPEARED IN KARACHI MORNING SEPTEMBER 10.

2. AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 10 AHMED NAWAZ HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT KARACHI RESIDENCE OF INDEPENDENT MNA SHERBAZ KHAN MAZARI, ORGANIZER OF UDF PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN BALUCHISTAN. ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE, AHMED NAWAZ SAID HE HAD BEEN HELD FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS AT HIS BROTHER'S HEADQUARTERS
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IN DERA BUGTI, HAD NOT BEEN MALTREATED, BUT SPENT

14 OF 17 DAYS ON HUNGER STRIKE DURING WHICH HE TOOK ONLY WATER. DETAINEE SAID HE RELEASED 1:00 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 IN SIBI BY GOVERNOR BUGTI'S SON, ALSO HIS NEPHEW, SALIM BUGTI, WHO HAD ESCORTED HIM TO DERA BUGTI IN HELICOPTER FROM QUETTA AFTER HE BEEN TAKEN IN CUSTODY BY POLICE. SOME OF BUGTI TRIBE RESENTED HIS DETENTION BECAUSE IT VIOLATED AGE-OLD CUSTOM THAT SARDAR'S HOME A PLACE OF SANCTUARY NOT DETENTION, ACCORDING TO AHMED NAWAZ. THOSE NOW IN HILLS IN BALUCHISTAN WILL NOT COME DOWN UNTIL THERE POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN BETRAYED BY VOVESEZNT PROMISES BEFORE. AFTER SEVERAL DAY STAY IN KARACHI HE PLANS TO PROCEED NORTH TO SEE MENGAL, MARRI AND BIZENJO ON BASIS OF PERMISSION HIS LAWYER HAS OBTAINED FROM LAHORE HIGH COURT. AHMAD NAWAZ REPORTED TO HAVE CHARACTERIZED SITUATION IN BALUCHISTAN AS "EXPLOSIVE RATHER THAN SERIOUS".
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